## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Docket Number Confirmation Number NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST 13758/1 9481 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) Application Number Filing Date Art Unit 10/581,516 **December 13, 2006** S. MACAULEY 1651 Invention Title Inventor(s) TABLE OLIVES CONTAINING PROBIOTIC P. LAVERMICOCCA et al. **MICROORGANISMS**

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action for the above-identified application dated June 10, 2009, finally rejection claims 1 and 5.

This Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently with an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2009.

Applicants request a **three-month** extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2009, resetting the response date to December 10, 2009. The required <u>three-month</u> extension of time fee of \$1,110.00 and <u>Notice of Appeal fee</u> of \$540.00 are being paid by credit card.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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